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# ACCOUNT

Of all Passages at the

# EXECUTION

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John Ashton, Gent.

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**W** *Ednesday January the 28th,* being the day appointed for the Execution of *John Ashton Gent.* he was carried from *Newgate* to the usual place of Execution, in a Hackney-Coach; for tho according to his Sentence he should have been Drawn on a Hurdle, as is usual in cases of High Treason, yet upon the humble Petition of some of his Relations to the Queen, her Majesty was graciously pleased to Remit the Drawing and Quartering, and ordered the dead Body to be delivered to his Relations intire, to be by them privately Interr'd. He came to the place of Execution about Eleven of the Clock, with an usual Guard, and a multitude of Spectators.

There was in the Coach with him a Divine of his own Acquaintance, whom he brought with him to perform his last Offices for him, and two of the Sheriffs Officers; the Ordinary of *Newgate*, as usual, was in the Cart, designing to serve him in his passage out of this World; but the Prisoner being desirous to have the Gentleman whom he brought with him to Officiate, desired the Sheriff that the Ordinary might not concern himself therein, which was granted, and

and accordingly Mr. Ordinary withdrew. The Minister and the Prisoner both Kneeling down, the Service of the Church was read, suitable to such an occasion, the Prisoner behaving himself very devoutly. Soon after another Divine did joyn with them. Prayers being ended, which lasted near half an hour, the Prisoner addressed himself to ~~the~~ *Child*, one of the Sheriffs, and gave him a Paper, telling him, That what he had thought fit to say he had committed to that Paper; and that but one person besides himself knew the Contents of it, and desired him to dispose of it as he should think fit. He thanked the Sheriff for his Civility to him at his Tryal, and likewise that he had procured leave for him to be carried in a Coach; and desired him also to return his Thanks where else they were due. Then he took leave of the two Ministers, to whom he commended his Wife and Children to be instructed and Comforted. Which when he had done, he called the Executioner, and gave him Five Guinea's, and requested him to do his work well. He declared himself to dye in the Communion of the Church of England; and that he doubted not but by the Merits of his Saviour to be happy in it. Then he said, I have no more to do then to think of Dying, and bad the Executioner take off his Periwig, and cover his Face. The Executioner accordingly took his Periwig, and put on his Cap; to which was fastened a Handkerchief to cover his Face; which done, and the Rope fastened about his Neck, and being tied up to the Tree, he stood expecting the drawing away of the Cart, refusing to give any sign: When the Cart was gone, he hung about half an hour, and then was cut down, and his Body conveyed away by his Friends, in order to his being privately Interred.

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